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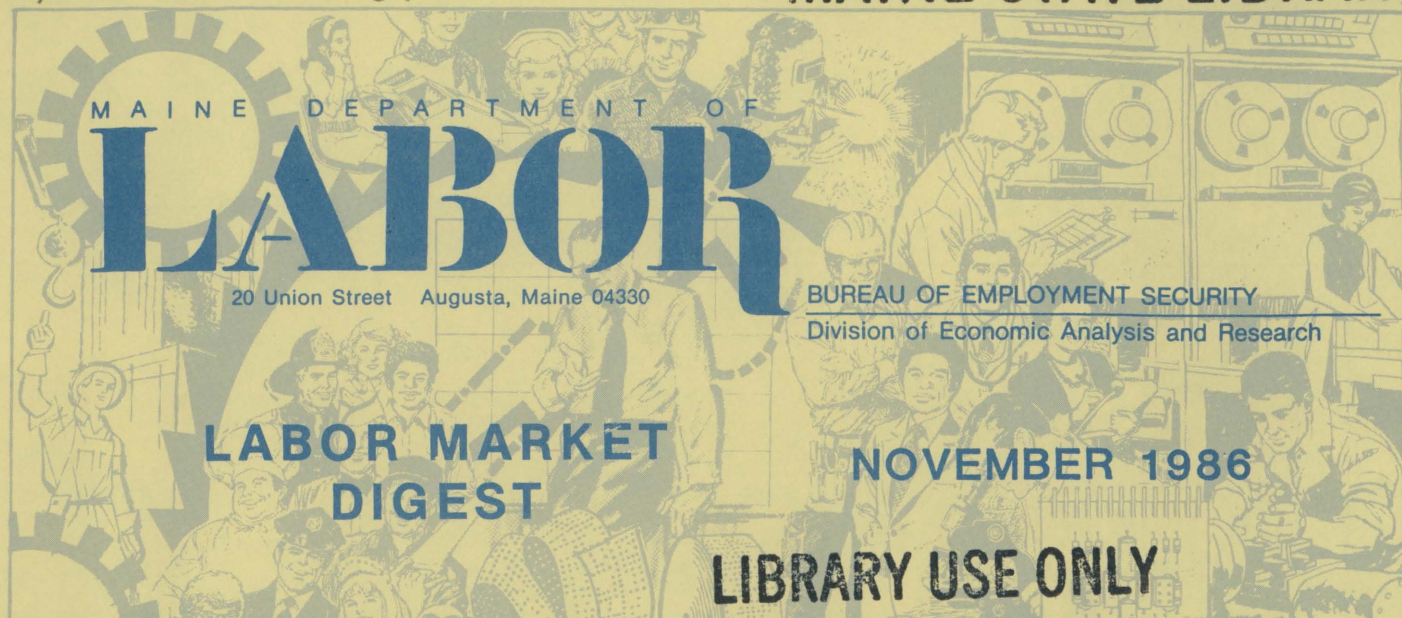
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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

APPRENTICESHIP

The Nation's largest private sector training program for producing skilled workers for today's job market is Apprenticeship. This voluntary program maintains a constant level of over 250,000 enrollees nationwide. Each year, it produces about 100,000 highly skilled workers in more than 750 occupational categories, and apprenticeship has the full support of the Nation's most respected employers.

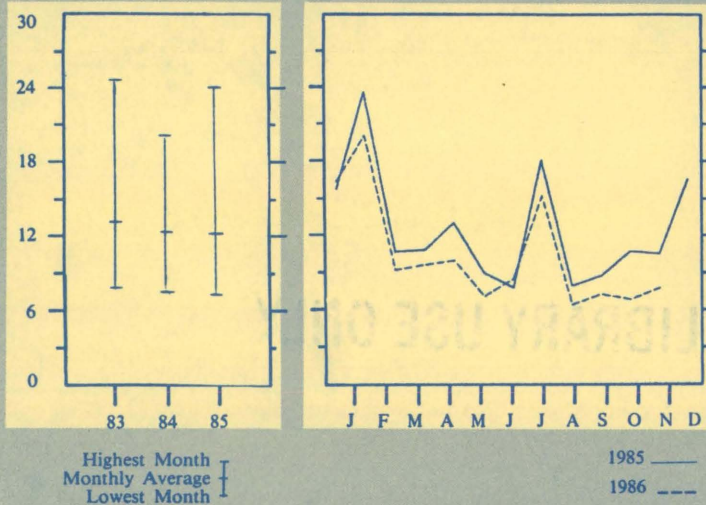
As a training system, apprenticeship is used to train mechanics and law enforcement officers, electronic technicians and electricians, computer programmers, embalmers and many more. It is learning by doing, coupled with related instruction for specific occupations.

Most of us learn by doing-by performing specific tasks under qualified, competent supervision which provides guidance, correction and insight. This is the basic concept of apprenticeship, and it applies to learning any job - manual, technical or professional. A learning system that can combine learning by doing with theoretical knowledge acquired in an offsite instructional program makes full use of our ability to learn and grow.

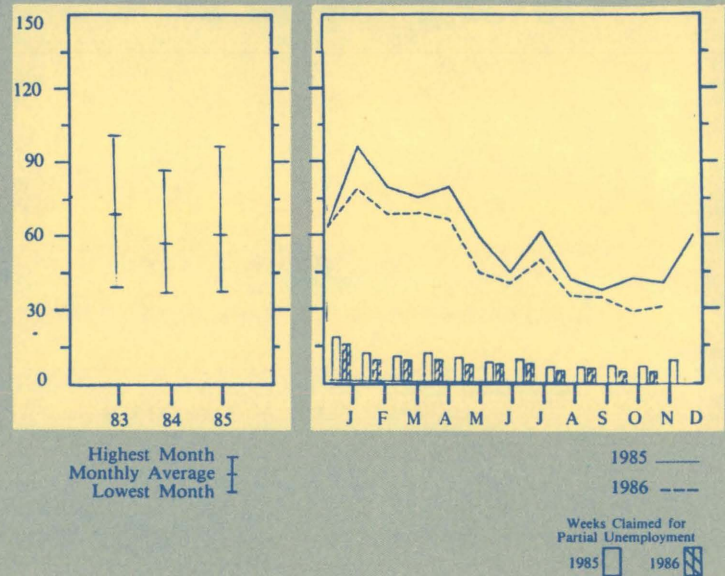
The learning by doing is performed under the watchful eye of a skilled journeyman who insures that the apprentice receives training in all aspects of the job in that trade which he or she will be expected to perform.

The Vocational Technical Institutes in the State of Maine are used for the theoretical training as are also some regional schools. The related training
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UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



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is done evenings, usually between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

An apprentice must have a minimum of 144 hours of related instruction a year, in each of the years it takes to become a skilled worker or what is called a journeyman. The result is acknowledged competence in an occupation with readily marketable skills.

In order to retain its value to all parties, apprenticeship must be quality training. The Governor has appointed an 11 person council within the State of Maine to oversee the programs and the related training and the frequent supervision of day to day program activities and credentialing. Experience has shown us that close continuing contact with sponsors and apprentices is essential to maintain program quality.

The Maine State Apprenticeship and Training Council approves all programs and registers them in much the same way as the state motor vehicle bureau, by providing the official record of registration.

For further information, contact the Maine State Apprenticeship and Training Council at 289-4307 or write to the Council at the following address: State House Station # 45 Augusta, Maine 04333

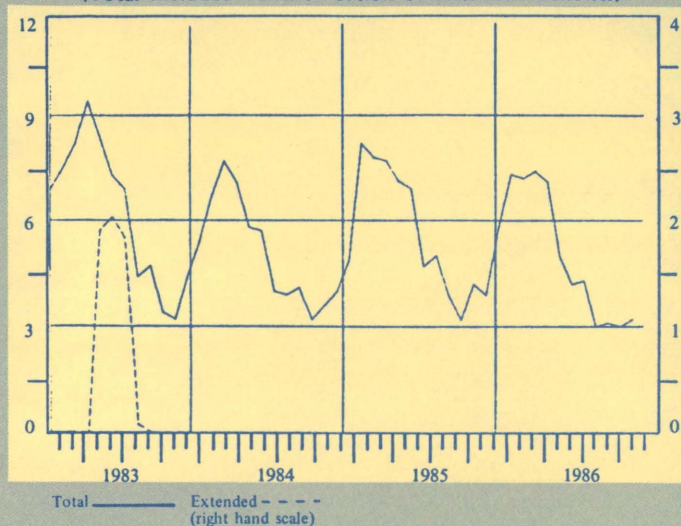


Selected Employment Security Activities



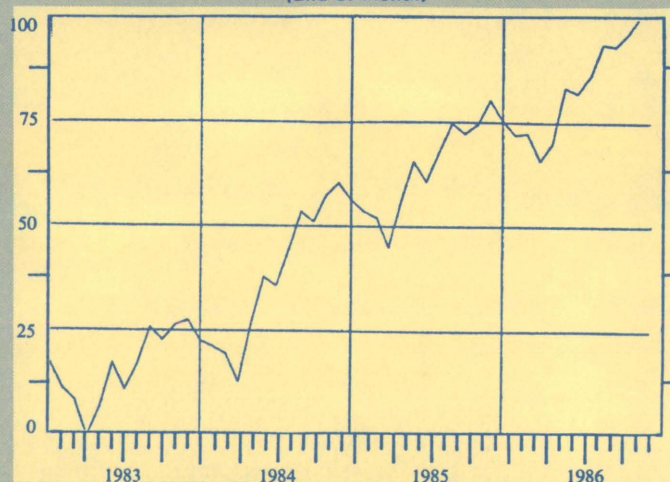
UI Benefit Payments in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



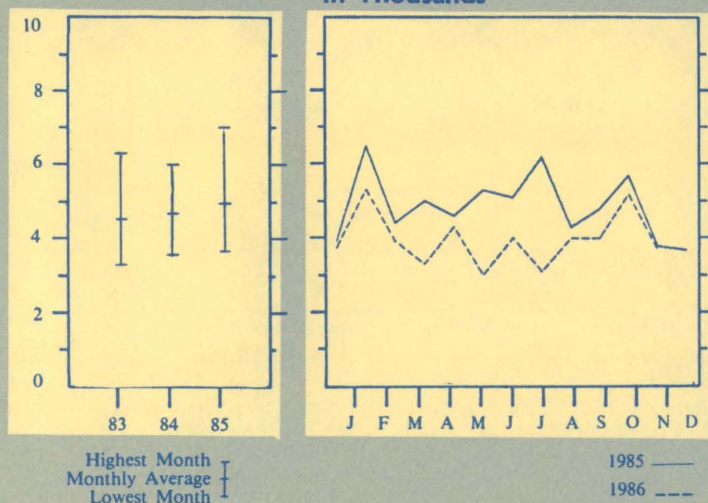
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment <u>1/</u>	479.5	483.2	465.9	115.8	115.4	110.6	38.1	38.3	37.7
Total Manufacturing	105.1	106.1	106.9	17.1	16.7	16.6	10.1	10.3	10.5
Durable Goods	46.5	46.6	46.2	8.7	8.3	8.3	2.7	2.8	2.6
Lumber and Wood Products <u>2/</u>	13.9	14.2	15.2	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.9	3.9	4.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	3.8	3.8	4.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	10.0	10.1	9.5	3.3	3.4	3.3	0.9	0.9	0.8
Transportation Equipment	10.6	10.4	9.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	*	*	0.1
Other Durable Goods <u>3/</u>	4.3	4.2	3.9	2.0	1.2	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.4
Nondurable Goods	58.6	59.5	60.7	8.4	8.4	8.3	7.4	7.5	7.9
Food and Kindred Products	8.0	8.6	7.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.0	6.9	6.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.2	1.2	1.3
Apparel	4.1	4.1	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.2	17.2	17.4	(d)	(d)	(d)	0.6	0.6	0.5
Printing and Publishing	5.2	5.2	5.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	3.7	3.7	3.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.9
Leather and Leather Products	12.3	12.6	14.1	1.4	1.4	1.5	2.4	2.6	2.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	9.9	10.3	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.8	2.0	2.0
Other Leather Products	2.4	2.3	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods <u>4/</u>	1.1	1.2	1.2	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.2	0.1	0.1
Total Nonmanufacturing	374.4	377.1	359.0	98.7	98.7	94.0	28.0	28.0	27.2
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contract Construction	28.6	29.7	24.7	6.5	6.8	6.2	1.8	1.9	1.8
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.3	19.6	19.2	5.8	5.9	5.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Wholesale Trade	23.4	23.3	22.4	8.7	8.7	8.6	2.0	2.0	1.9
Retail Trade	90.8	91.2	87.4	25.4	24.8	24.2	7.1	7.0	7.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	23.0	23.0	21.3	10.7	10.8	9.8	2.1	2.0	1.9
Services	98.0	100.0	93.7	26.3	26.7	25.1	9.7	9.7	9.3
Government	91.2	90.2	90.2	15.3	15.0	14.6	3.9	4.0	3.8
Federal	18.1	18.1	18.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local <u>5/</u>	73.1	72.1	71.4	13.5	13.3	12.9	3.6	3.7	3.5
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 39. 4/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 28, 29. 5/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item.

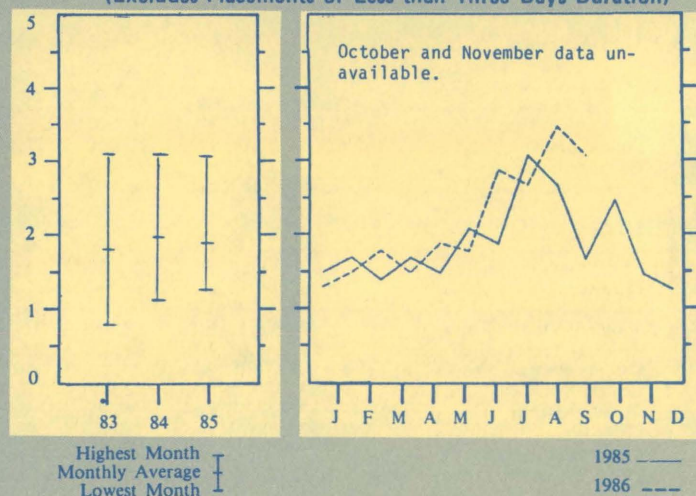
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New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1985	1984	1983
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$364.34	\$355.25	\$349.05	40.8	40.6	39.8	\$8.93	\$8.75	\$8.77	\$8.40	\$8.05	\$7.61
Durable Goods	347.54	343.88	348.96	40.6	40.6	39.7	8.56	8.47	8.79	8.46	8.22	8.04
Lumber and Wood Products	321.20	313.60	339.55	40.2	40.0	39.3	7.99	7.84	8.64	8.06	7.57	7.37
Primary and Fabricated Metals	363.80	356.51	367.44	41.2	41.6	43.9	8.83	8.57	8.37	8.25	7.89	7.75
Machinery, except Electrical	373.25	379.82	396.45	38.4	39.4	41.6	9.72	9.64	9.53	9.11	8.36	8.08
Electrical and Electronic Equipment ..	323.21	308.32	288.80	40.3	38.3	38.1	8.02	8.05	7.58	7.57	7.56	7.27
Other Durable Goods	383.72	388.25	387.08	41.8	42.9	39.7	9.18	9.05	9.75	9.50	9.51	9.31
Nondurable Goods	377.51	364.18	349.52	40.9	40.6	39.9	9.23	8.97	8.76	8.31	7.95	7.37
Food and Kindred Products	254.53	249.66	245.84	35.4	36.5	36.1	7.19	6.84	6.81	6.63	6.46	6.10
Textile Mill Products	311.18	300.17	279.33	43.1	42.1	40.6	7.22	7.13	6.88	6.64	6.13	5.87
Apparel	224.65	225.97	207.77	38.8	38.3	35.7	5.79	5.90	5.82	5.83	5.55	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	635.24	618.42	594.00	46.3	47.1	45.0	13.72	13.13	13.20	12.25	11.62	10.95
Leather and Leather Products	225.94	216.22	216.71	36.5	35.1	36.3	6.19	6.16	5.97	5.93	5.80	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	334.55	323.61	312.17	41.1	40.2	40.7	8.14	8.05	7.67	7.51	7.11	6.60
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	375.88	349.68	362.52	39.4	38.3	38.2	9.54	9.13	9.49	8.90	8.08	7.67
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	285.48	278.85	261.50	39.0	39.0	38.4	7.32	7.15	6.81	6.78	6.58	6.16

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	244.6	247.9	243.2
Unemployed	12.5	12.4	13.8
(Percent)	5.1%	5.0%	5.7%
Resident Employed	232.1	235.5	229.4

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD		This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items	(CPI-U)	330.8	330.5	326.6	327.4
Percent Change for Past Month					+0.1
Percent Change from Last December					+1.0
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago					+1.3

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA ^{1/}	LABOR FORCE ^{2/}			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE-Statewide.....	558.6	567.0	556.8	534.1	543.4	530.8	24.5	23.6	26.0	4.4	4.2	4.7
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA.....	40,600	40,600	42,100	38,800	38,800	40,200	1,800	1,800	1,900	4.4	4.4	4.5
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	39,800	39,900	40,500	37,600	37,800	38,000	2,200	2,100	2,500	5.5	5.3	6.2
Portland MSA	116,000	115,500	112,800	112,900	112,500	109,700	3,100	3,000	3,100	2.7	2.6	2.7
Portsmouth-Dover- Rochester MSA ^{3/}	126,520	128,160	123,680	123,580	124,970	120,220	2,940	3,190	3,460	2.3	2.5	2.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,540	30,960	31,420	29,200	29,700	29,940	1,340	1,260	1,480	4.4	4.1	4.7
Bath-Brunswick	25,560	26,350	25,030	24,900	25,620	24,110	660	730	920	2.6	2.8	3.7
Belfast	10,560	11,050	10,760	9,830	10,360	9,840	730	690	920	6.9	6.2	8.6
Biddeford	25,040	25,770	25,060	23,930	24,700	24,110	1,110	1,070	950	4.4	4.2	3.8
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset ..	11,670	13,610	12,960	11,230	13,250	12,440	440	360	520	3.8	2.6	4.0
Calais-Eastport	13,460	13,480	13,130	12,490	12,490	12,210	970	990	920	7.2	7.3	7.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,540	21,960	21,410	20,000	20,660	19,820	1,540	1,300	1,590	7.1	5.9	7.4
Central Penobscot	2,930	2,890	2,880	2,760	2,720	2,700	170	170	180	5.8	5.9	6.3
Dover-Foxcroft	6,630	6,500	6,320	6,250	6,150	6,000	380	350	320	5.7	5.4	5.1
Ellsworth	21,570	23,240	21,640	20,510	22,350	20,630	1,060	890	1,010	4.9	3.8	4.7
Farmington	11,770	11,600	11,870	11,100	10,860	10,980	670	740	890	5.7	6.4	7.5
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,560	5,860	5,130	5,230	5,520	4,760	330	340	370	5.9	5.8	7.2
Greenville	1,270	1,270	1,110	1,190	1,200	1,020	80	70	90	6.3	5.5	8.1
Houlton	5,820	6,020	5,890	5,500	5,730	5,560	320	290	330	5.5	4.8	5.6
Kittery-York ^{3/}	28,540	28,890	28,080	28,160	28,560	27,680	380	330	400	1.3	1.1	1.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,440	5,430	5,430	5,170	5,130	5,120	270	300	310	5.0	5.5	5.7
Livermore Falls	4,360	4,410	4,790	4,100	4,140	4,490	260	270	300	6.0	6.1	6.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	3,750	3,830	3,720	3,430	3,580	3,440	320	250	280	8.5	6.5	7.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket ..	4,300	4,290	4,470	4,060	4,020	4,260	240	270	210	5.6	6.3	4.7
Norway-Paris	11,250	11,510	11,190	10,680	10,960	10,550	570	550	640	5.1	4.8	5.7
Patten-Island Falls	2,810	2,840	2,500	2,650	2,680	2,370	160	160	130	5.7	5.6	5.2
Rockland	17,110	17,260	17,350	16,420	16,640	16,550	690	620	800	4.0	3.6	4.6
Rumford	7,780	7,880	8,310	7,200	7,290	7,760	580	590	550	7.5	7.5	6.6
Sanford	15,250	15,270	15,120	14,530	14,600	14,230	720	670	890	4.7	4.4	5.9
Sebago Lakes Region	11,870	12,990	10,570	11,490	12,610	10,200	380	380	370	3.2	2.9	3.5
Skowhegan	23,270	23,380	22,200	21,890	22,030	20,810	1,380	1,350	1,390	5.9	5.8	6.3
Southwest Penobscot	10,300	10,400	10,510	9,640	9,730	9,800	660	670	710	6.4	6.4	6.8
Waterville	22,300	22,200	22,600	21,240	21,120	21,530	1,060	1,080	1,070	4.8	4.9	4.7
OTHER												
NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,782.5	1,728.6	n/a	1,723.3	1,655.5	n/a	59.2	73.1	n/a	3.3	4.2
Massachusetts	3,079.4	3,064.0	3,054.7	2,967.0	2,960.0	2,945.6	112.4	103.0	109.1	3.6	3.4	3.6
New Hampshire	559.2	563.7	552.4	545.2	550.0	535.3	14.0	13.7	17.1	2.5	2.4	3.1
Rhode Island	513.4	512.0	504.0	494.1	494.9	484.3	19.3	17.1	19.7	3.8	3.3	3.9
Vermont	n/a	292.6	283.1	n/a	281.2	270.8	n/a	11.5	12.3	n/a	3.9	4.3
NEW ENGLAND STATES ...												
UNITED STATES ^{4/}	118,623	118,699	116,097	110,751	110,857	108,282	7,872	7,842	7,815	6.6	6.6	6.7

MSA-Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

^{1/} Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.

^{2/} Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.

^{3/} Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

^{4/} National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partial)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND MSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	6,940	5,744	9,037	706	620	832	679	584	1,009
Insured Unemployment Rate *.	1.5	1.2	2.0	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.9	1.7	2.9

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

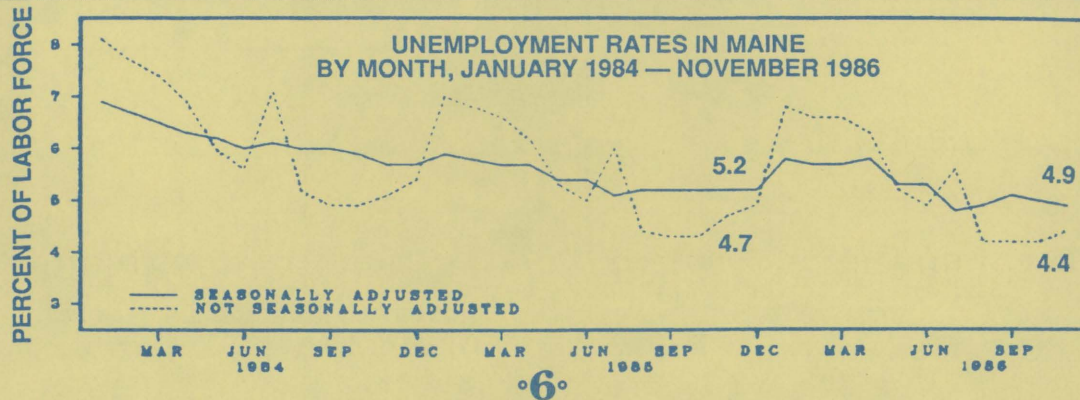
REGULAR PROGRAM

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	8.2	9.0	4.3
Clerical and Sales	16.1	16.7	10.6
Service	11.5	9.9	9.1
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	1.4	1.3	2.4
Processing	6.3	6.3	5.8
Machine Trades	15.0	16.3	19.7
Benchwork	14.8	14.7	21.2
Structural Work	14.5	14.2	13.9
Miscellaneous	12.2	11.6	13.0

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	57.9	56.5	56.8
Under 22	5.4	4.9	7.2
22-24	9.0	8.4	10.1
25-34	30.8	30.7	28.0
35-39	12.7	12.5	11.5
Total 40 and Over	42.1	43.5	43.2
40-44	9.2	9.6	9.1
45-54	15.7	15.7	13.6
55-64	12.3	12.5	10.8
65 and Over	4.9	5.7	9.7



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